

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(original) Longitudinally slit tubular electromagnetic shielding sleeve comprising a substrate (11) and an electrically conductive material layer (12) fixed to an internal face (11c) of the substrate (11), said layer (12) extending substantially from one longitudinal edge (11a) of the substrate (11) to the other longitudinal edge (11b) thereof, characterized in that the substrate (11) and said layer (12) are separated in a split segment (13) at one first longitudinal edge (11a) at least.

2.(original) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1, characterized in that said layer (12) is formed of an interleaved copper wire structure.

3.(original) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 2, characterized in that said layer (12) is formed of braided copper wires.

4.(currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that said substrate (11) is produced in the form of a sheet thermoformed into a self-curling strip with an overlap.

5.(currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that said substrate (11) is a textile strip.

6. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterized in that said substrate is a woven textile.

7. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, characterized in that said electrically conductive material layer (12) is fixed to said substrate (11) by one or more rows of stitches (16, 16', 16'') extending in the longitudinal direction of said sleeve (10).

8. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterized in that said split segment (13) subtends an angle ( $\alpha$ ) approximately equal to  $90^\circ$ .

9. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterized in that an overlap portion (15) of one longitudinal edge (10a) of the sleeve (10) on the other longitudinal edge (10b) thereof subtends an angle ( $\beta$ ) from  $60^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ .

10. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, characterized in that a second longitudinal edge (10b) of said sleeve (10) is adapted to be inserted between said substrate (11) and said layer (12) in the split segment (13).

11. (currently amended) Electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, characterized in that the substrate (11) and said layer (12) are separated over split segments (13, 13') respectively adjacent to said first longitudinal edge (10a) of said sleeve (10) and to said second longitudinal edge (10b) thereof.

12. (canceled)

13. (new) Method of protecting bundles of electrical cables, which comprises:

providing an electromagnetic shielding sleeve according to claim 1; and

surrounding the bundles of electrical cables with said electromagnetic shielding sleeve.